

HPV (Human Papilloma Virus Infection)

What is HPV Infection?

- **HPV Infection** – is a STD/Sexually Transmitted Disease, caused by human papillomavirus/HPV
- **HPV** – the name of a group of viruses that include more than 100 different strains or types; more than 30 viruses are sexually transmitted; can infect the genital area of women and men including the skin of the penis, anus, vulva, cervix, rectum and linings of the vagina
- **Infected Person** - usually have no symptoms and clears up on its own



Signs and Symptoms

- **Often No Symptoms**- usually goes away on its own without causing any serious health problems
- **Genital Warts**- painless, can be flat and raised, single or in groups, small or large, may grow in size and number or may go away
- **Cervical Cancer**- no symptoms unless advanced, important to screen regularly for cervical cancer
- **Less Common HPV-related Cancers**- cancers of the vulva, vagina, anus and penis may not have signs and symptoms until advanced

Information

- **Most Common Sexually Transmitted Virus in the United States**- at least 50% of sexually people will have HPV some time in their lives
- **Passed on**- through genital contact (vaginal or anal sex), you can pass to others without knowing it
- **No Cure for HPV**
- **Prevention**- do not have sex
- **Lowers your Chances**- limit your partners, wear a condom
- **Does not Prevent HPV**-washing the genitals, urinating, douching after sex

What can I do?

- **See your Health Care Provider**- about treatment that some types of HPV can cause; genital warts, cervical cancer

